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SUBJECT: SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS ON ANGOLAN COUP ATTEMPT

1. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS OVER WEEKEND HANDLED NEWS OF ANGOLAN COUP ATTEMPT WITH CIRCUMSPECTION. INITIAL ACCOUNT IN MAY 28 PRESS (DATELINED LUANDA MAY 27) CITED MPLA POLITBURO STATEMENT ON ATTEMPT BY "IMPERIALSIM AND INTERNAL REACTION" TO PROVOKE DISORDER IN THE CAPITAL. MAY 30 PRESS REFERRED TO EVENTS PROVOKED BY A "GROUP OF FACTIONARIES" AND CITED LONDON SUNDAY TIMES ON IMPLICIT LINKAGE BETWEEN EVENTS AND BROAD "INTERNATIONAL PLOT" WHICH HAS AS ITS GOAL THE ARMED INVASION OF ANGOLA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. MAY 29 PRESS CITED NETO ON "FACTIONARIES" WHO, OUT OF PERSONAL AMBITION, DID NOT WANT TO FOLLOW COURSE OF CC OF MPLA. NETO REPORTEDLY SAID ACTIVITY OF THESE PEOPLE WAS CHARACTERIZED BY "VIOLENCE, RACISM, TRIBALISM, AND REGIONALISM."

3. COMMENT: THUS FAR SOVIET PRESS HAS MADE NO COMMENT ON ITS OWN, NOR, NATURALLY, HAS IT REFERRED TO ALLEGED PRO-SOVIET LEANINGS OF COUP INSTIGATORS (AS REPORTED BY WESTERN WIRE SERVICES). MATLOCK

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